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	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality	\$10	\$1.00
B. Green Capsule, superior quality	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
CC. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.00

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	\$4	\$4.50
B. St. Etienne, Red Capsule	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien	7	7.50
D. La Rose	17	12.00

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A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	\$12	\$1.10
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	14	1.25
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	18	1.50
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1875 Vintage, Red Capsule	24	2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C. Watson's Aboulo-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10

GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.25	0.50

RUM.

A. Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
B. Good Leeward Island	\$1.50	per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine	Maraschino
Chartreuse	Herrig's Cherry Cordial
Chateau	Dr. Siegel's Angostura
	Bitters, &c.

MARRIAGES.

On the 11th June, at All Saints, Fulham, by the Rev. John Gregory, ARTHUR GORTON, eldest son of the late Fred. J. Angier, formerly of Hongkong and Canton, to ALEXANDRA KATE, youngest daughter of the late Edward Mansell, of Fulham.

On Thursday, 10th July, 1890, at Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., ARTHUR RODOLPH NUNN ADAMS, M.A., second son of the Rev. Rodolph Adams, Rector of Radnage, Oxfordshire, to BERTHA ADELIN HANSEN, fourth daughter of the late Frederick Otto Hansen.

DEATH.

On the 6th May, at Oxford, MABEL DIBBOROUGH, wife of Egebert B. Levet-Servieres, Esq., and second surviving daughter of the late Sir Harry Paice, K.C.B., of China and Japan. Killed by the fall of her horse while riding.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1890.

THE typhoon in a tea-pot regarding the seven years' lease of the wilderness known as Bowington Gardens, granted by the Hongkong Government to the new Hongkong Athletic Club, raised by an unknown naval officer who ought to have had the discretion to mind his own business, a military officer who acted on his own responsibility—which does not amount to anything—and two gentlemen-brokers whose action has been distinctly repudiated by the Football and Golf Clubs which they pretended to represent, shows no signs of abatement, and the mean and contemptible character of the "protest" of these purely disinterested if self-appointed protectors of public (?) interests is still the subject of vehement discussion in all circles. The feeling is particularly strong among those members to whose consistent support the Polo and Golf Clubs practically owe their existence, and who indignantly repudiate any connection between these institutions and the insolent letter sent to the Officer Administering the Government by four irresponsible nobodies, who are stated to have been egged on in their foolish course by a certain half-fledged Government official, whose absurd and offensive vagaries have rendered him the most unpopular man in Hongkong. Of course the Government, having offered a seven years' lease of the ground to the Athletic Club, will not go back on its word, and the signatories of the protest will be courteously informed that their petition has been received, considered, and rejected, and that the Acting Governor will be pleased to facilitate the forwarding to the Secretary of State of any complaint they may think fit to formulate. It may happen before all this takes place that Commander FOSTER, R.N., will be officially requested to attend to his duties on board the *Victor Emanuel*, and leave the inhabitants of Hongkong to settle their own affairs, and that the members of the Football, Polo and Golf Clubs will inform Mr. W. H. WALLACE, Major FLETCHER, R.A., a capital "sport" who is shortly leaving Hongkong—and Mr. GERSHON STEWART, that they will exercise a wise discretion by at once withdrawing their names, as representing these clubs, from a document that is viewed with general disgust.

What do these gentlemen want? What have they to complain of? They wish what they term the Hon. A. P. MACLEOD's original idea of filling up the pond in the Race-course enclosure and of also including the Bowington Gardens, carried out. Well, the idea of filling up the pond did not happen to originate with Mr. MACLEOD, but with Mr. FRASER-SMITH, who complained to Mr. MACLEOD and Mr. CHATER, as Stewards of the Jockey Club, that owing to the heavy mists which in the early morning rose from the water and prevented the far side of the course from being visible to owners in the Grand Stand, training was greatly impeded, and, in short, the pond was an unsightly and dangerous nuisance which should never have been made and which ought to be filled up without delay. Both Stewards agreed, and a few days afterwards Mr. MACLEOD had a favorable opportunity of introducing the subject to Governor DES Vaux—who was playing golf and had been unlucky enough to drive a more than usual number of balls into the big pool—and it was at once favorably entertained. The reclamation of Bowington Gardens was then mooted, and Mr. MACLEOD escorted the Governor through that dreary waste, with the result that his Excellency suggested that the hon. member should bring forward proposals in the Legislative Council, which was accordingly done, and it will be remembered that the Council were unanimously of opinion that the pond was a useless eye-sore whose removal was desirable, and that it would be a good thing to reclaim Bowington Gardens for some practical use. Since then a vote of \$12,000 has been passed for filling up the pond and re-turfing portions of the Race-course enclosure—the total cost is estimated at \$18,000—and the work is now being proceeded with. All this money comes out of the public purse, and it is being expended especially for the benefit of those votaries of polo, golf, and football. To throw Bowington Gardens into the Race-course, which is the modest request of the four "protesters," would cost at least \$50,000, but these gentlemen make no offer to find the money to carry out this "fad" nor do they suggest where it is to be found. They doubtless would like the community to provide for the exclusive amusement of golfers and polo players but this is "passing round the hat" on too extensive a scale to meet with popular favor.

Now, the Hongkong Athletic Club supporters will expend about \$10,000 in transforming a wilderness into a pleasant place of public resort and amusement—and this is money out of their own pockets; they do not ask the Government for a single cent. A lease for seven years has been obtained, but at the end of that term there is nothing to prevent the Government from resuming possession should the ground be required for any other purpose. The Athletic Club promoters have acted throughout in the most liberal and straightforward manner, they have done everything possible to encourage the general practice of many sports and pastimes and to provide a recreation ground that will be a boon to the colony, and yet they find their purely unselfish efforts blocked by a protest to the Government which is a discredit to all who were concerned in its manufacture and manipulation. Polo players who wish every other interest set aside so that their limited numbers may enjoy themselves, should remember that since the game was first stated in the colony they have had the use from the Government of Causeway Bay rent free, and also a partial monopoly of the Race-course enclosure; and golfers should know that their links ought to be regarded in the light of a special favor, as they obstruct cricket and other forms of recreation for which the centre of the Happy Valley was purposely reclaimed at considerable public expense.

One ground of the protest against the lease to the Athletic Club being confirmed is that the Military applied some time ago for Bowington Gardens, and the application was refused. It would be interesting to learn for what purpose the Military wanted this place, and what *quid pro quo* they offered the Hongkong Government for its possession. To our way of thinking it is about time these absurd military pretensions were summarily curtailed. The War Office already owns some of the most valuable sites in the colony, to which they stick with leech-like pertinacity, and yet we are constantly hearing about military claims and rights which have no actual existence. The gallant defenders of Hongkong are especially privileged in many respects, and it would be just as well if they discreetly recognised that fact, and abandoned the "grab-all" policy which is so out of keeping with their position here and the traditions of their profession.

We do not propose entering at length into the question of membership of the Athletic Club, as doubtless that will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting convened for Friday next; but of course, although all classes of the community will be eligible, some right of selection must be left to the Club, and candidates must be balloted for on whatever conditions may be arranged. There can be no hardship in this, and it should be remembered that this is the practice in the Jockey Club which leases the race-course from the Government in exactly the same way that the Athletic Club has obtained a lease of Bowington Gardens.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SILVER BILL.

LONDON, July 12th.
The House of Representatives has voted the Silver Bill by 122 to 90, the majority being all republicans.

DEATH OF THE HON. ALFRED LISTER.

This morning Mr. N. J. Ede received a telegram from Yokohama, which stated that Mr. Alfred Lister had died at a short time previously, on board the *Belgic*, as she was entering the port. Mr. Lister left here a week ago, contrary to Dr. Harrison's wishes, for a short trip to Japan, as he was in extremely bad health, suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys in its chronic form, which doubtless resulted, as is usual in such cases, in death from exhaustion. Those who knew the deceased intimately had no hopes whatever of his recovery or return to Hongkong from the hour the *Belgic* left here. And indeed, Mr. Lister himself had but little hope, for he persisted in leaving for partial recovery. He thought faint, hope of about five years of age, and leaves four children in England. The "Colonial Office List" gives his record as follows:—Graduated at University of London, 1863; civil service cadet in Hongkong, 1865; interpreter, 1867; acting registrar-general, 1868; acting assistant harbour-master, 1869; sheriff, 1869; secretary to police inquiry commission, 1871; acting assistant harbour-master, 1871; superintendent of Victoria gaol, 1874; assistant colonial secretary and clerk of council, 1875; superintendent of Chinese studies, 1875; postmaster-general and collector of stamp revenue, 1875; secretary to board of examiners in Chinese, with seat at the board, 1876; acting colonial treasurer, 1881; treasurer, 1883; member of Executive Council, 1884. We shall probably refer at greater length to his career here in a later issue.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Foochow Echo* understands that tea men are losing heavily at present, and are assured that no more picking will take place in the country, owing to the discouraging state of the market.

A FRENCH officer in Tonquin has been experimenting with carrier-pigeons. The other day the first of a batch that had been released at Tuyen-quan reached Hanoi within two hours, having covered 322 kilometres.

H. M. SURVEYING vessel the *Rambler*, Capt. Dawson, arrived here to-day from the Australian Station. She has been surveying in the neighborhood of the *Quetta* rock, and also between the *Providence* light-ship and Booby Island. From here she will proceed to the surveying ground near Shanghai.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Sanatorium tomorrow, commencing at 5 p.m.:—

Overture "Zanzibar"	Alber.
Yale "Imperial"	Gauche.
Selection "Reminiscences of England"	Godfrey.
Solo "There is a Green Hill"	Godfrey.
Gauche "Lullaby"	Godfrey.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was the fine imposed by Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court this morning upon a wealthy Celestial who was caught at the Canton wharf yesterday smuggling fifty taels of opium into the colony, concealed in a clock. The old chap wept bitterly as he counted over his merry Mexicans to the frigid shroff of the Magistracy.

EARRING-SNATCHERS have not yet received sufficient whippings to cause them to give up their nefarious "pidgeon." "Docketed" before these parasites of society was a man charged with snatching earrings from a widow in Queen's Road Central last night. The prisoner admitted the charge, and was sentenced to nine months' gaol with hard labour and twenty-five strokes of the rattan.

IN the House of Commons last month Mr. Sutherland asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether it would be convenient to lay upon the table of the House, at an early date, the papers and correspondence in reference to the additional military contribution proposed to be levied on the Straits Settlements—Baron H. De Worms: This matter is still the subject of correspondence, and as soon as this is completed papers will be laid before the House.

THE last homeward voyage of the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yongist* was marked by an extraordinary occurrence in the Red Sea. For twenty-four hours the ship was navigated through a swarm of locusts. The sea was covered with these orthoptera while traversing a distance of something like 350 miles, and if they had been on land they would have devastated most completely any country. Fortunately all these insects were drowned, and furnished food for the fish, who it may be safely stated rarely have such a meal provided for them.

HE was a Kaffir bold,
She was a Zulu maid;
All his deep love he told
As over the sand they strayed.
Pleasant their lives must be—
Theirs was simplicity,
There was no guile,
Plain in their happenings,
Simple their style of dress,
Shewn in fashion book;
And there was a look
Brimful of tenderness—
She wore a smile.

WE are courteously informed by the officers of the United States corvette *Alliance*, which arrived here on Sunday to take the place of the *Marion*—which went home about two months ago— that she is only a six-gunner, and consequently not regarded as a "saluting ship" within the terms of the International Saluting Convention; hence her silent *debut* in these waters. It is therefore reasonable to conjecture that war will not be declared. The *Alliance* is the vessel which, in 1881, went to look for the *Jeannette* at the North Pole and got up as far as N. Lat. 80 deg. 10 min. and E. Long. 11 deg. 13 min.

CAPTAIN H. L. PEARSON, who takes command of the *Excellent*, served in the *Palorus* corvette, which was third lieutenant, on the China Station under Captains Bays and Haswell. He was afterwards her second, and finally her senior lieutenant, and as such came home in April, 1888. He had command of the Royal yacht *Osborne* from May, 1876, to June, 1879, when he was succeeded by Lord Charles Beresford; was promoted captain in December, 1879, and has since served as flag captain to Sir William Dorell, on the China Station, and in command of the *Colossus* in the Mediterranean.

WHELOCK & Co's Freight Market Report dated 11th July, says:—During the period that has elapsed since the issue of our last on the 27th ult., the only feature has been the advance in rates to New York of 52 per cent, otherwise there has been no change. Nagasaki-Shanghai, the slight demand previously mentioned still exists, but tonnage remains scarce, the cholera which is reported to have broken out in the former port may affect business in this direction. Newchwang to Swatow or Amoy, there is little or no demand, and steamers have left our coast for Saigon, Bangkok, Hongkong, and other ports for Japan, for which voyage they are getting very remunerative rates; there is an offer in the market for a vessel to lead from Newchwang to Nagasaki. The British *Mary L. Burrill* and *Mary A. Troop* have received sailing orders from their owners to proceed to Puget Sound, they will leave in a few days. For London, via usual ports call and Suez Canal—Rates continue as hitherto for all lines viz., 35s. per ton, the berth is now occupied by the *Mails* and *Holts* only, but the steamship *Swallow* due from Japan to-day, will load at current rates; the *Swallow* will be despatched on the 16th instant; her place will be taken by the same company's steamship *Diomed*. The Mutual Steamship *Carya* and the Shire Line steamship *Denishjelm* are due from Japan about the 15th and 20th instant respectively and will have quick dispatch. For New York, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal:—The departure of the *Port Fairy* on the 3rd instant has left the berth entirely to the steamship *Strathleven* which started booking cargo at 40s. per ton, but afterwards advanced to 45s. per ton, the rate she is getting a fair quantity, it is expected she will sail on the 15th instant; the next to follow will be the steamship *Moray* now loading advance in rates. Via Cape: the *N. B. Lewis* is loading and will soon be dispatched to Hongkong, rate 23s. for general cargo and 24s. for tea. The British bark *Astoria* has been taken up at Hongkong, but we do not think she will wait for cargo from this. Departures for London via Suez Canal:—The steamship *Titan* and instant steamship *Hector* 9th instant. Departure for New York via Suez Canal:—The steamship *Port Fairy* 3rd instant. Via Hongkong and Cape:—*Chai*, 3rd instant. Via Hongkong and Cape:—*Chai*, 3rd instant. Via Hongkong and Cape:—*Chai*, 3rd instant. Via Hongkong and Cape:—*Chai*, 3rd instant.

A DAY or two ago all the tailors in the European establishments put on their jackets and walked down towards Happy Valley. Their object was to sit in judgment on some member of their guild who had been using more sewing-machines than he was authorised to. After four hours' deliberation they returned to work again.

L'Avantur du Tonkin says that at Pulo Condore, on the 17th ult., 400 native prisoners revolted when returning to labor. The guards quelled the outbreak, a dozen of the prisoners being killed, and many wounded. This was the outbreak referred to by the *Siam Gazette*, in re. saying the narrow escape of the steamer *Y. B. Ory* from piratical seizure.

OUR evening contemporary, referring to the recent trial of the cruiser *Filipinas*, which the Dock Company hope to sell to the Siamese Government for \$100,000, says that "Captain Rumsby, Harbour Master, who was also on board, has been asked to make a report on the trip on behalf of the intending purchasers." It shall be intensely grateful to Captain Rumsby if he can show us that he gets \$2,300 a year from this much-bled Colony to go about "reporting" on private vessels in this way. If the gallant gentleman intends going in for his sort of thing we shall at last understand why we have got an Assistant Harbour Master. It might be of interest to learn, through the medium of some official member of the Council, what the official "expert" got for his pains.

THE following are the tea cargoes of each steamer as per consignees' returns since the beginning of the season, as given by the *Foochow Echo*:—

For London:—	
Steamship <i>Menelaus</i>	674,130 lbs.
" <i>Glenearn</i>	1,805,978 "
" <i>Kaitow</i>	1,317,794 "
" <i>Pembroke</i>	53,631 "
" <i>Prometheus</i>	500,734 "
" <i>Titan</i>	612,575 "

For Hamburg:—

Steamship <i>Kaitow</i>	18,419 "
" <i>Pembroke</i>	161,103 "

For Continent of Europe:—

Steamship <i>Menelaus</i>	177,780 "
" <i>Glenearn</i>	46,665 "
" <i>Prometheus</i>	130,963 "
" <i>Titan</i>	19,315 "

For Hongkong:—

Steamship <i>Kaitow</i>	2,080 "
" <i>Prometheus</i>	13,458 "
" <i>Titan</i>	2,947 "

For Western Australia:—

Steamship <i>Glenearn</i>	27,515 "
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For New York:—

Steamship <i>Linnox</i>	132,798 "
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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Puisne Judge.)

A PROMISSORY CLAIM.

The *Marinburg* Furnishing Co. sued A. G. Apcar for \$301, a promissory note. Mr. Apcar appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wilkinson defended.

J. Marinburg, manager of the company, proved the promissory note. There was some furniture ordered in September last by a certain lady, in Apcar's presence, and he agreed to be responsible. The value was \$1,746, and \$501 were paid by him. The balance due was \$1,245. In December the woman ordered \$953 worth of furniture, but it was not delivered. In January an action was brought against her, the company claiming the balance due, and damages for non-delivery, altogether \$2,330. Apcar settled the matter by giving six promissory notes of \$300 each, redeemable at the beginning of each month, besides \$500 in cash. He paid three of the notes, and witness now sued on the fourth. In January he told witness not to deliver any of the furniture until he gave permission, as he had had trouble with the girl. Witness was prepared to deliver it after that, but never received instructions to do so. It was very expensive furniture, and only such as would be bought by girls like the one in question.

Cross-examined—I sued her first, but I looked on Apcar as responsible. The terms on which the promissory notes were given was that they should be paid on the delivery of the furniture. He called on me every day and hurried me up about getting it finished.

Re-examined—I could have delivered the furniture at any time, but he never instructed me to do so.

Mr. Wilkinson, for the defence, submitted that the notes were payable after the furniture had been delivered, a condition which had not been fulfilled.

A. J. Apcar said—I am a broker, I guaranteed the payment of the lady's bills in this matter, and gave the promissory notes, as stated, but they were only to be paid as the furniture was delivered. It has not been delivered, and some work has also been left unfinished. I have asked him to deliver the furniture, but he has made the excuse that he is afraid to trust coolies to carry the mirrors—I am ready to pay what I owe him when he does what he agreed.

Cross-examined—I asked him in April to send the furniture, but it was not ready, and he did not. I asked him in May, as well, and he refused. I never made the request in writing.

His lordship did not see that there was any condition in the promissory note that it should be paid before delivery.

Witness continued—The reason I did not want the furniture to be delivered in January was not that I had quarrelled with the lady—it was nothing very particular.

His lordship held that the furniture should have been tendered—otherwise the plaintiffs asked for payment for what had not been sold. Judgment for the defendant, with costs.

AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams from San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" from our last night's issue:—

LONDON, June 13th.

The Liberal Unionist branch of the Ministerial party held a meeting to-day under the presidency of Lord Hamilton. A good deal of irritation was expressed at the course taken by many Conservatives at the Carlton Club in opposing the scheme of the Government for saving their three chief measures of the session—Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain strongly supported the Government proposals, but different opinions were expressed by Lord Symington and others. They complained of bad management on the part of the Government, and some suggestions were made that it was time that a change in the leadership took place.

This split gives the Gladstonians much encouragement, some of them predicting that the Government will be out in a month. I regard this as most improbable, but it cannot be denied that the Unionist party is in a more critical condition than since its formation.

The White Star steamer *Doric*, trading between London and New Zealand, claims that it has made the fastest voyage around the world. The total time the *Doric* steamed was 77 days, 6 hours and 50 minutes. The distance run was 28,000 miles, and the engine worked continuously, there being no slowing or stopping.

An anti-Semitic riot occurred to-day at Loholok in Lithuania, which is inhabited mostly by Jews. The majority of the houses were wrecked and many persons seriously wounded.

HAVANA, June 13th.

Eyraud, the Paris murderer, has changed his tactics. This morning he was all smiles, and seemed to be cheerful as a young bride, and quite as hopeful. The change is remarkable and the authorities, who yesterday were in agonies over his desperate mood, fearing that he would destroy himself any moment, are now thrown into a worse state of mind by his sudden transformation.

On board the ship he will be placed in a cage made of steel bars open on all sides, containing nothing but a chair and two guards, who will be kept by him constantly. The guard will have a steel-wire strait-jacket to put on him in case he does violence to himself. The cage is modeled much after those in use for transporting nihilists to Siberia.

BERLIN, June 13th.

A serious explosion occurred in a powder factory at Spandau to-day; 180 men were buried in the ruins of the magazine, but all escaped with slight injuries.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 13th.

The *Czarowich* will start on a tour of the world on August 1st. He will return by way of the United States.

ANOTHER CONCEPTION COMPANY.

Another prospecting syndicate has just been started in London under the title of the Sumatra Exploration Company, Limited, with a capital of £250,000, in £1 shares. The Directors comprise Lieut-General Sir W. F. Drummond Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.S. (formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements, South Australia, and New Zealand), Chairman; Sir Edward James Reed, K.C.B., F.R.S., M.P., Deputy-Chairman; W. H. Reed, Esq., K.C.N.L., C. M. G. (late Consul-General for the Netherlands at Singapore); Vaughan Cousins, Esq. (late Superintendent Magistrate and Registrar-General, Straits Settlements); B. C. de Jong, Esq. (late Superintendent of the Netherlands Indian Steam Navigation Company at Java); Arthur W. Biggs, Esq., 7, Louthbury, E.C. (Director of the Malay Peninsula Exploration Syndicate); Reinier D. Verbeek, Esq., Mining and Civil Engineer, Holland.

The prospectus thus enumerates the advantages of this new venture:—

This Company has been formed, among other objects, for the purpose of acquiring properties, and of exploring mining and other concessions, in Sumatra, Borneo, Java, and the Malay Peninsula.

A very valuable mining concession for properties situated on the eastern slope of the West Coast of Sumatra, which has been reported upon by Mr. Nuttmeyer, Royal Inspector of Mines, Prussia, and Mr. Grassmann Prussian Government Mining Engineer, and recently by J. J. Cooper, Esq., Consulting Engineer of the Gold-fields of Siam, Limited, &c., has been offered to this Company.

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Apply to
G. R. LAMMER
Hongkong, 1st July, 1890.

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—203 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$103 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 340 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company Limited—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 84 per share, sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$355 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$86 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$63 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$268 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$180 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co's Six per cent. Debentures—\$301.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. dis., sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$56 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$175 per share, sellers.
 Luen Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$95 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$95 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Shipping.
ARRIVALS.
 PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 14th July—Bangkok 8th July, General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 NORTHERN, British str., 1,462, Wm. Richardson, 15th July—Rangoon 1st July, Rice—Russell & Co.
 HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,120, Harris, 15th July—Fochow, 13th July, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 CHINGTU, British steamer, 1,459, A. Hunt, 15th July—Fochow 13th July, Tea—Butterfield & Swire.
 DIJONNAIS, French steamer, 1,064, Bonney, 15th July—Marseilles 15th June, and Saigon 12th July, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
 HAIPHONG, French steamer, 874, Aubert, 15th July—Haiphong 13th July, General—Messageries Maritimes.
 NATAL, French steamer, 2,073, A. Bretel, 15th July—Shanghai 12th July, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
 FUYU, Chinese steamer, 936, G. C. Graham, 15th July—Whampoa 15th July, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 EUPHRATES, British steamer, 1,299, J. Edwards, 15th July—Rangoon 3rd July, Rice—Russell & Co.
 RAMBLER, British surveying vessel, 835 tons, Dawson, 15th July—Sydney 9th May.
 PRESTO, German steamer, 655, T. Jensen, 15th July—Bangkok 9th July, Rice—Siemens & Co.
DEPARTURES.
 July 14, Canton, British str., for Whampoa.
 July 15, Haiphong, British steamer, for Swatow.
 July 15, Soochow, British str., for Bangkok.
 July 15, Albany, British steamer, for Saigon.
PARSINNERS—ARRIVED.
 Per Diem, str., from Marseilles for Hongkong—Mr. Looser. From Singapore—Messrs. Antonio and a servant, Canon Gouvea, Hamel, and a Chinese. From Saigon—Mrs. Marquis, Miss Mota, Mr. Coombs and servant, and 233 Chinese. From Marseilles for Shanghai—Miss Laplanche, Messrs. Magnin, Sanders, R. Patis, and 6 Sisters. From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Orchida and infant, and Mr. Blanco. From Marseilles for Yokohama—Messrs. Moroka and Togo.
 Per Natal, str., from Yokohama for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. Soumaville and child, Dr. Bill, Messrs. Juan de Olsquid, Jose Losada, Guillermo, and Merclano, From Kobe—Capt. Allison. From Shanghai—Messrs. Christopher Moller, J. de Graça, R. F. Haskell, A. Gomes and 3 children, Figueiredo's 3 children, J. Magan, Singh, George Magne, and 9 Chinese. From Yokohama for Saigon—Messrs. Gaudin and Octave.
 For Singapore—Messrs. Brown, H. Hellet, and C. Jordan. From Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. Robert. From Tonkin—Miss Destrez, and 23 Chinese. From Saigon—Mr. and Mrs. Barker and Malby. From Shanghai for Saigon—1 officer and 2 soldiers. For Marseilles—Messrs. H. Harris, F. S. Deacon, David Buchanan, A. Wylie, Anishele, and L. Villomy.
 Per Haiphong, str., from Haiphong—Mr. and Mrs. Mathien and 2 infants, Messrs. Goulas, Boscier, Bédet, Perrien Gomery, Berthoin, and 23 Chinese.
 Per Phra Chom Kiao, str., from Bangkok—42 Chinese.
 Per Haiphong, str., from Fochow—9 Chinese.
REPORTS.
 The British steamer Northern reports that she left Rangoon on the 1st instant. Had moderately fine weather throughout the passage.
 The British steamer Chingtu reports that she left Fochow on the 13th instant at 5.30 a.m. Experienced moderate breeze and fine weather the whole way. Arrived here this morning.
 The British steamer Phra Chom Kiao reports that she left Bangkok on the 8th instant. Had light to moderate winds and fine weather to the Paracels, and thence to port had light variable winds with rain squalls at times.
 The British steamer Haiphong reports that she left Fochow on Sunday, the 13th instant at 8 a.m. Had fine pleasant weather and light airs. From 12th to arrival had fine clear weather with moderate south-west and west-south-west winds. In Fochow, the steamships Tavlar, Guthrie, Sunghang, and Chungking.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/6
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/6
 Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 3/6
 Credits at 4 months sight 3/7
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 3/7
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 4/43
 Credits, at 4 months sight 4/43
 On India, T. T. 22 1/2
 On Demand 22 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—Bank, T. T. 7 1/2
 Private, to day's sight 7 1/2

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. S. Co's steamer *Pekin*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 15th instant at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on the 21st.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The O. & O. S. S. Co's steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 26th ult., left Yokohama on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on the 21st.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co's steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, from Vancouver, left Yokohama for Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong on the 8th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Ajax*, from London, left Singapore on the 11th instant, and is due here on the 17th.
 The steamer *Alberta*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of the 13th instant, and is due here on the 19th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co's extra steamer *Thibet*, left Bombay on the 8th instant at noon for this port, and is due here on the 25th.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Fenwick & Co's Register.)
 Barometer—3 p.m. 29.97
 Barometer—4 p.m. 29.95
 Thermometer—4 p.m. 80
 Thermometer—5 p.m. 81
 Thermometer—6 p.m. 82
 Thermometer—7 p.m. 83
 Thermometer—8 p.m. 84
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 Thermometer—10 p.m. 98
 Thermometer—11 p.m. 99
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

14th July, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Latitude	Longitude	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Weather	Direction	Force	Direction	Force
Whampoa	22° 30'	113° 30'	29.97	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
Tokyo	35° 40'	139° 40'	30.00	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
Nagasaki	32° 30'	128° 30'	30.00	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
Shanghai	31° 10'	121° 10'	30.00	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
Wenchow	28° 10'	112° 10'	30.00	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
Fochow	25° 10'	105° 10'	30.00	80	SE	Cloudy	SE	10	SE	10
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